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<p>4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application</p>			
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):*

Description, Pages

1-10 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-7 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheets

2/12-12/12 as originally filed

1/1 received on 27.10.2005 with letter of 20.10.2005

- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
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 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-7
	No: Claims	-
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-7
	No: Claims	-
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-7
	No: Claims	-

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

Re Item V

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: WO 01/70646 A (SOFITECH N.V; SCHLUMBERGER CANADA LIMITED;
COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES DOWE) 27 September 2001

2. Document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1 and discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

- a. a cementing composition for an oil well or the like, based on Portland cement, silica and alumina, characterized that the mineralogical composition of the cement matrix is included in the Si-Ca-Al triangle in one of the margarite - hauyne - [epidote/pumpellyite], hauyne - prehnite - [epidote/pumpellyite] and hauyne - prehnite - pectolite triangles (claim 1);
- b. a composition according to claim 1 (of D1), in which the mineralogical composition is within the Si-Ca-Al triangle approximately in the zone delimited by silica between 35% and 50%, aluminium between 20% and 38% and calcium between 25% and 35% (claim 2);
- c. compositions of the invention comprising 30% to 80% of micro-alumina and 75% to 85% of silica in the form of a mixture of silica with a grain size close to the grain size of a Portland cement (average particle size close to 20 μm for silica and 14 μm for cement) and micro-silica (average particle size close to 1.2 μm); silica and alumina are also present in the form of silica/alumina microspheres having a diameter of about 100 μm (page 6, lines 17 - 24).

3. The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from this known composition in that (a) the selected composition sub-ranges are narrow compared to the known ranges; (b) the selected composition sub-ranges are sufficiently far removed from the specific examples 1, 2, 3 and 7 disclosed in D1 and from the endpoints of the known ranges; and (c) the selected range is not arbitrarily selected from the prior art, but rather a purposive selection which brings forward a new technical teaching. Since the criteria for selection inventions (Guidelines, C-IV, 7.7(ii))

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are complied with, the subject-matter of claim 1 is regarded as new (Article 33(2) PCT).

4. The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as the provision of high-temperature resistant cement articles. The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons: the mineral composition of the starting cementitious slurry promotes the formation of anorthite above 250 °C. D1 does not hint towards cement compositions in the presently claimed phase triangles and the phase stability of said compositions at high temperatures.

5. Claim 2 - 7 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.